

STAFFORDSHIRE LANDED GENTRY 1066-1702 A genealogical Account

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Appendix A002: STAFFORDSHIRE ESCHEATORS 1232-1661

This list is based primarily on a list compiled by Josiah C. Wedgwood and published in COLLECTIONS FOR A HISTORY OF STAFFORDSHIRE 1912 pages 295-302 which was in turn based largely on the MS. Calendar of Escheators' Accounts in the PRO.

The escheator's principal duties consisted of taking possession of and administering lands that escheated to the Crown or lands in which the Crown had a temporary interest as guardian of minors. Escheators, two for each county, were first appointed in 1232. From 1234 the whole country was divided into two grand escheatries, north and south of the Trent, and Staffordshire was placed in the southern one. At first the escheators worked through the sheriffs but from about 1246 a sub-escheator was appointed for each county. From about 1272 Shropshire and Staffordshire formed a single sub-escheatry and in the period 1272-4 there might have been a sub-escheator for each county. Grand escheatries were suspended between 1275-83 when the sheriffs acted as escheators and terminated in 1323. In the period 1323-7 Staffordshire lay in an escheatry together with Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire and the Welsh marches. From 1327 to 1401 the escheatry consisted of Staffordshire, Shropshire and the Welsh marches. From 1401 to about 1661 Staffordshire formed a single escheatry until the abolishment of feudal tenures in 1661 caused the office to lapse.

PLEASE ADVISE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

(Escheator, Staffs)

Henry III (28 Oct 1216-16 Nov 1272)

1232-4

1234-46

Sheriffs acted as Sub-Escheators

(Sub-Escheator, Staffs)

1247

Henry Wingham (in office 18 Jul)

1248

Sir Robert Grendon of Grendon, Warwicks c1215-a1274 (in office 17 Oct)

1251-2

Sir Robert Haughton of Haughton, Staffs c1203-1270

(in office 28 Feb 1251.2-14 Nov 1252)

1254

James Trysull (in office 24 May)

1255

Sir Nicholas Meverell of Gayton, Staffs c1210-....

1256

Sir Philip Leigh of Leigh, Staffs c1235-.... (in office 16 Aug 1256-8 Sep 1259)

1263

Ralph Coven of Coven in Brewood, Staffs c121-a1272 (in office Feb 1263)

Edward I (20 Nov 1272-7 Jul 1307)

(Sub-Escheator, Staffs & Salop)

1272

John fitz Aer-1292 (in office 7 Dec)

1273

John Ercall of Ercall, Salop c1235-1284 (in office 29 Jan)

1274

John fitz Aer-1292 (in office 11 Nov)

1275

John Ercall of Ercall, Salop c1235-1284 (in office 29 Jun)

Oct 1276-8

Sir Bevis Knovill of Whitchurch, Salop c1240-1307

1283

Robert Brun (in office 9 Oct)

(Sub-Escheator, Staffs)

1290-Oct 1292

Sir William Mere of Maer, Staffs c1245-1323 (in office Oct 9)

Edward II (8 Jul 1307-20 Jan 1326.7)

1317-8 Feb 1317.8

Sir William Perton of Perton, Tettenhall, Staffs c1296-1360 (in office 22 Mar)

14 Nov 1321-1323

John Walwyn

(Escheator, Glos, Herefs, Salop, Staffs, Worcs, & the Welsh marches)

8 Dec 1323-1327

John Hampton of Dunstall in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1275-

Edward III (25 Jan 1326.7-21 Jun 1377)

(Escheator, Staffs, Salop & the Welsh Marches)

26 Feb 1327

Sir William Trussell of Acton Trussell, Staffs c1280-p1339

13 Dec 1327

Robert Hanbury of Hanbury, Staffs c1245-

Easter 1328

William Kaynton

Easter 1329

William Marches

25 Sep 1329

Thomas Marches

1 May 1330

William Kaynton

24 Oct 1330	Robert Selyman of Stafford
17 Jan 1331	Sir William Trussell of Acton Trussell, Staffs c1280-p1339
2 Jul 1332	Roger Chandos
4 Feb 1333	John Peyto of Drayton, Warwicks c1311-1373 (as junior)
20 Feb 1335	Adam Willoughby
6 Dec 1335	Sir William Trussell of Acton Trussell, Staffs c1280-p1339
25 Sep 1339	Richard Venables of Walton in Stone, Staffs c1300-a1340 (died in office)
14 Nov 1340	John Fitzherbert of Twycross, Leics
20 Jan 1341	(Sir) John Perton of Perton in Tettenhall, Staffs c1320-1388
19 Nov 1341	Sir Thomas Swynnerton of Swynnerton, Staffs 1313-a1362
22 Nov 1343	Sir John Aston of Haywood, Staffs c1285-a1353
5 Aug 1345	John Swynnerton of Hilton in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1309-1379
30 Jun 1357	Henry Prestwood
25 Sep 1358	John Wood
18 Mar 1362	Philip Lutley of Lutley in Enville, Staffs c1325-a1370
5 Oct 1368	William Banaster of Yorton, Salop
11 Nov 1371	Edmund Burton
12 Dec 1372	Sir John Perton of Perton in Tettenhall, Staffs c1320-1388
12 Dec 1374	Roger Lee
3 Nov 1375	William Walsall of Rushall, Staffs c1340-1414

Richard II (22 Jun 1377-29 Sep 1399)

26 Nov 1377	Sir John Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys c1325-a1396
25 Nov 1378	William Walsall of Rushall, Staffs c1340-1414
25 Oct 1381	Robert Swinfen
1 Nov 1383	William Walsall of Rushall, Staffs c1340-1414
11 Nov 1384	Cornelius Wyrley of Hamstead in Handsworth, Staffs c1355-p1414
20 Oct 1385	Aylmer Lichfield ALIAS Taverner of Lichfield, Staffs c1340-a1400
3 Dec 1386	William Wollascote
3 Dec 1387	Robert Lee
3 Dec 1388	Edward Acton of Acton Burnell, Salop c1335-....
1390	John Marshall
8 Nov 1391	John Delves (of Doddington, Cheshire) c1352-1394
24 Oct 1392	Sir William Hugford of Apley, Salop c1360-1404
24 Nov 1394	Aylmer Lichfield ALIAS Taverner of Lichfield, Staffs c1340-a1400
24 Nov 1395	Thomas Stones
11 Dec 1396	William Stockley of Yoxall, Staffs c1370-1416
16 Nov 1397	Roger Lichfield ALIAS Swinfen ALIAS Taverner of Worcester c1358-?1409

Henry IV (30 Sep 1399-20 Mar 1412.3)

30 Sep 1399	William Banaster of Yorton, Salop
15 Nov 1400	William Slepe-1410

(Escheator, Staffs)

12 Mar 1401	Henry Heronville of Wednesbury, Staffs c1373-1406
8 Nov 1401	John Swynnerton of Hilton in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1350-a1427
29 Nov 1402	William Walsall of Rushall, Staffs c1340-1414
16 Nov 1403	Hugh Stanford of Hextall in Ranton, Staffs c1375-c1433
12 Nov 1404	William Stockley of Yoxall, Staffs c1370-1416
1 Dec 1405	John Delves of Doddington, Cheshire c1374-1429
1 Dec 1406	Sir John Bagot of Bagots Bromley in Abbots Bromley, Staffs c1358-a1437
1 Dec 1407	Hugh Stanford of Hextall in Ranton, Staffs c1375-c1433
1408	Sir John Bagot of Bagots Bromley in Abbots Bromley, Staffs c1358-a1437 (? but did not act)
9 Dec 1408	John Biddulph of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs c1374-p1438
7 Nov 1409	William Lee of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs c1365-p1422
29 Nov 1410	Richard Norman of Bold in Blithfield, Staffs c1380-....
10 Dec 1411	William Stockley of Yoxall, Staffs c1370-1416
3 Nov 1412	Thomas Cotton of Coton-under-Needwood in Hanbury, Staffs c1380-....

Henry V (21 Mar 1412.3-31 Aug 1422)

10 Nov 1413	John Delves of Doddington, Cheshire c1374-1429
12 Nov 1414	Richard Knightley of Fawsley, Northants c1392-1442
8 Dec 1416	Thomas Giffard of Chillingington in Brewood, Staffs c1383-1420
30 Nov 1417	Richard Norman of Bold in Blithfield, Staffs c1380-....
4 Nov 1418	Richard Lane (OR Lone) of Bentley in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1365-1438
23 Nov 1419	William Lee of Boningale, Salop c1375-1425
5 Dec 1420	John Whatecroft of Harborne, Staffs

Henry VI (1 Sep 1422-4 Mar 1461)

1422	(?) John Delves of Doddington, Cheshire c1374-1429
20 May 1422	Humphrey Cotes of Cotes in Eccleshall, Staffs c1393-....
13 Nov 1424	Humphrey Lowe of Whittington in Kinver, Staffs c1385-a1451
27 Jan 1426	Richard Lane (OR Lone) of Bentley in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1365-1438
17 Dec 1426	William Leventhorp of Rushall, Staffs c1400-p1435
12 Nov 1427	Robert Whitgreave of Burton in Castle Church, Staffs 1392-1453

4 Nov 1428	John Harpur of Rushall, Staffs c1390-1464
12 Feb 1430	Richard Lane (OR Lone) of Bentley in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1365-1438
5 Nov 1430	William Lee of Aston in Stone, Staffs c1400-a1446
26 Nov 1431	Robert Whitgreave of Burton in Castle Church, Staffs 1392-1453
5 Nov 1432	John Harpur of Rushall, Staffs c1390-1464
23 Nov 1433	Thomas Cotton of Coton-under-Needwood in Hanbury, Staffs c1380-....
3 Nov 1434	Robert Whitgreave of Burton in Castle Church, Staffs 1392-1453
7 Nov 1435	William Hextall of Hextall in Ranton, Staffs c1404-p1470
23 Nov 1436	John Joce of Hanchurch in Trentham, Staffs c1390-....
23 Nov 1437	John Wood of Keele, Staffs c1398-?1443
6 Nov 1438	Robert Whitgreave of Burton in Castle Church, Staffs 1392-1453
6 Nov 1439	John Harpur of Rushall, Staffs c1390-1464
6 Nov 1440	Humphrey Cotes of Cotes in Eccleshall, Staffs c1393-....
1441	Robert Whitgreave of Burton in Castle Church, Staffs 1392-1453
1442	Thomas Cotton of Coton-under-Needwood in Hanbury, Staffs c1380-....
6 Nov 1443	Nicholas Leveson of Prestwood in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1376-....
6 Nov 1444	Nicholas Warings (? of "The Lee", Wolverhampton, Staffs)
6 Nov 1445	Humphrey Blount of Kinlet, Salop c1422-1477
6 Nov 1446	John Barbour of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs c1425-a1475
6 Nov 1447	(Sir) Willian Vernon of Tong, Salop c1421-1467
6 Nov 1448	John Archer of Umberslade in Tanworth, Warwicks c1400-....
11 Dec 1449	Richard Beauso of Hilton in Wolverhampton, Staffs
11 Dec 1450	(Sir) John Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys c1418-1487
11 Dec 1451	Thomas Bate of Pooley, Warwicks c1390-1459
11 Dec 1452	(Sir) Roger Draycott of Painsley in Draycott, Staffs c1413-a1480
3 Dec 1453	Nicholas Leveson of Prestwood in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1376-....
6 Nov 1454	John Cotes of Cotes in Eccleshall, Staffs c1423-....
4 Nov 1455	William Colwich of Colwich, Staffs
4 Nov 1456	(?) William Humphreston of Humphreston, Salop c1425-....
7 Nov 1457	Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton, Staffs c1420-a1464
7 Nov 1458	William Colwich of Colwich, Staffs
7 Nov 1459	Hugh Davenport of Maveysn Ridware, Staffs c1415-1473
7 Nov 1460	Robert Coyney of Weston Coyney in Caverswall, Staffs c1430-....

Edward IV (4 Mar 1460.1-29 Sep 1470)

8 Nov 1461	Thomas Erdeswick (of Sandon, Staffs)
4 Nov 1463	Robert Hill of Houndhill in Marchington, Staffs c1420-....
5 Nov 1464	(?) John Lee of Aston in Stone, Staffs c1420-....
5 Nov 1465	William Owdeby
5 Nov 1466	Nicholas Agard of Newborough in Hanbury, Staffs c1428-c1499
5 Nov 1467	Philip Preston
5 Nov 1468	Richard Read
5 Nov 1469	George Stanley of West Bromwich, Staffs c1435-1509

Henry VI (29 Sep 1470-11 Apr 1471)

6 Nov 1470	John Cawarden of Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs c1415-1477
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Edward IV (11 Apr 1471-9 Apr 1483)

7 Nov 1471	John Minors of Uttoxeter, Staffs c1440-....
5 Nov 1472	Thomas Wodell
5 Nov 1473	Thomas Swineshead of Swineshead in Eccleshall, Staffs
5 Nov 1474	Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton, Staffs c1453-1505
5 Nov 1479	William Harpur of Rushall, Staffs c1430-1508
5 Nov 1480	Richard Rugeley of Bradley in Wolverhampton, Staffs c1436-....

Edward V (9 Apr 1483-25 Jun 1483)

Richard III (26 Jun 1483-22 Aug 1485)

6 Nov 1483	John Agard of Foston, Derbys c1430-1516
10 Dec 1484	Robert Hill of Houndhill in Marchington, Staffs c1420-....

Henry VII (22 Aug 1485-21 Apr 1509)

1 Nov 1485	William Harpur of Rushall, Staffs c1430-1508 (as senior)
5 Nov 1486	Robert Marsh
1487	(?) Thomas Woodshaw [SHC III 107]
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1492	Louis Lloyd
5 Nov 1493	William Fowke of Brewood, Staffs c1450-a1494 (accounts rendered by Edward Fowke son and heir of William deceased)
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1497	? Edward
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Thomas Wildecote

Henry VIII (22 Apr 1509-28 Jan 1546.7)

1509 (?) Thomas Harcourt of Ranton, Staffs c1455-?1507
1510 Richard Astley of Patshull, Staffs c1468-1531
1511 Thomas Swynnerton of Swynnerton, Staffs c1484-1541
16 Nov 1512 John Welles of Hoarcross in Yoxall, Staffs c1473-1528
1513 John Streethay of Streethay in Lichfield, Staffs c1485-1523
1514 George Wilkes of Willenhall, Staffs c1484-....
1515 John Egerton of Wrinehill in Betley, Staffs c1455-1518
1516 (?) John Beresford of Beresford in Alstonfield, Staffs c1475-1523
1517 (Sir) Edward Littleton of Pillaton Hall in Penkridge, Staffs c1489-1558
1518 Thomas Kynnersley of Loxley in Uttoxeter, Staffs c1464-1539
1519 Thomas Comberford of Comberford in Tamworth, Staffs c1460-p1532
1520 Thomas Partridge of Kings Bromley, Staffs c1488-?1531
1521 (Sir) John Vernon of Sudbury, Derbys c1494-1545
1522 Richard Astley of Patshull, Staffs c1468-1531
1523 (Sir) Thomas Giffard of Chillington in Brewood, Staffs 1491-1560
1524 Thomas Kynnersley of Loxley in Uttoxeter, Staffs c1464-1539
1525 Thomas Partridge of Kings Bromley, Staffs c1488-?1531
1526 Richard Astley of Patshull, Staffs c1468-1531
1527 Walter Wrottesley of Wrottesley, Staffs c1486-a1563
1528 Thomas Skrymsher of Norbury, Staffs c1480-1551
1529 (Sir) Philip Draycott of Painsley in Draycott-in-the-Moors, Staffs c1486-1559
1530 John Wolseley of Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs c1474-a1563
28 Nov 1531 William Chetwynd of Ingestre, Staffs c1477-1546
1532 Walter Wrottesley of Wrottesley, Staffs c1486-a1563
12 Feb 1534 Richard Harcourt of Church Eaton, Staffs c1486-1544
Nov 1534
1535 Thomas Skrymsher of Norbury, Staffs c1480-1551
1536 James Thirkell of Smallwood in Marchington, Staffs c1487-....
1537 (Sir) Thomas Giffard of Chillington in Brewood, Staffs 1491-1560
1538 Richard Biddulph of Biddulph, Staffs c1494-1552
1539 John Wolseley of Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs c1474-a1563
1540
1541 Humphrey Minors of Uttoxeter, Staffs c1507-a1567
1542 Sampson Erdeswick of Sandon, Staffs c1490-1545
1543 Humphrey Welles of Hoarcross in Yoxall, Staffs c1504-1565
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Edward VI (28 Jan 1547-6 Jul 1553)

5 Dec 1548 John Ottley of Whittington, Staffs c1520-a1558
12 Nov 1549 Richard Biddulph of Biddulph, Staffs c1494-1552
11 Nov 1550 Brian Fowler of St Thomas by Stafford, Staffs c1520-1587
11 Nov 1551 Humphrey Welles of Hoarcross in Yoxall, Staffs c1504-1565
20 Nov 1552 John Ottley of Whittington, Staffs c1520-a1558

Jane (6 Jul 1553-19 Jul 1553)

Mary (19 Jul 1553-24 Jul 1554)

28 Nov 1553 (Sir) William Gresley of Drakelow, Derbys ?1525-1573

Philip and Mary (25 Jul 1554-17 Nov 1558)

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13 Nov 1556 Humphrey Welles of Hoarcross in Yoxall, Staffs c1504-1565
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Elizabeth I (17 Nov 1558-24 Mar 1602.3)

8 Feb 1559 Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton, Staffs c1500-1562
28 Feb 1560 Edward James of Kingswinford, Staffs c1514-a1586
15 Dec 1563 Ralph Okeover of Okeover, Staffs c1522-1571
11 Jul 1569 Matthew Moreton of Engleton in Brewood, Staffs c1522-1582
26 May 1571 Francis Mountfort of Bescot in Walsall, Staffs c1530-1592
16 May 1573 Christopher Heveningham of Aston in Stone, Staffs c1534-1574
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1 Apr 1579 William Unwin of Chatterley in Wolstanton, Staffs c1552-....
1 Mar 1580 Thomas Moreton (? of Moreton in Gnosall, Staffs c1511-1582)

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